

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-74. (Previously Cancelled).

75. (Previously Amended) A flexible hydraulic reinforcing material comprising:

reinforcing fiber having unhardened dry hydraulic inorganic powder adhered thereto;

wherein said inorganic powder is adhered to said reinforcing fiber by an organic binder; and
wherein said reinforcing material hardens upon contact with water.

76. (Previously Amended) A hydraulic reinforcing material as claimed in claim 75 wherein said reinforcing fiber is selected from the group consisting of:

1) rovings, ropes and braids;

2) short fibers obtained by cutting said rovings, ropes and/or braids into pieces of a specific length; and

3) unidirectional sheets, fabrics, nets, unwoven fabrics and mats.

77. (Currently Amended) A hydraulic reinforcing material as claimed in claim 75 wherein the content of said organic binder, as a percentage of the flexible hydraulic reinforcing material ~~sum of (A), (B) and (C)~~, is 0.1 - 40% by volume.

78. (Previously Amended) A hydraulic reinforcing material as claimed in claim 75 wherein the reinforcing fiber is carbon fiber or carbonaceous fiber.

79. (Previously Amended) A hydraulic reinforcing material as claimed in claim 75 wherein the particle diameter of said hydraulic inorganic powder is 0.1 μm - 100 μm .

80. (Previously Amended) A package comprising hydraulic reinforcing material as claimed in claim 75 and a moisture-proof packaging material wrapped around said hydraulic reinforcing material.

81.- 85. (Currently Cancelled)

86. (Previously Cancelled)

87. (Currently Cancelled)

88. (Previously Cancelled)

89. (Currently Amended) A method for producing, in the absence of water, a fiber-compounded hydraulic reinforcing material comprising:

(1) dispersing a dry hydraulic inorganic powder in a solution of an organic binder in an organic solvent;

(2) applying the organic binder solution containing the dispersed hydraulic inorganic powder to the reinforcing fiber to bind the hydraulic inorganic powder to the surface of the reinforcing fiber and/or to impregnate the reinforcing fiber;

(3) drying the reinforcing fiber having a coating of the hydraulic inorganic powder;

(4) obtaining, as a product, a dry fiber-compounded hydraulic reinforcing material wherein the hydraulic inorganic powder is unhardened and is bound to the reinforcing fiber through the organic binder, said product remaining flexible until contact with water and, upon contact with water, hardening by a hydration reaction.

90.- 98. (Currently Cancelled)

99. (Previously Added) A method for producing a fiber-compounded hydraulic reinforcing material as claimed in claim 89, wherein the organic binder solution containing the dispersed hydraulic inorganic powder is applied to the reinforcing fiber by use of a coater selected from the group consisting of an air doctor coater, a blade coater, a rod coater, a knife coater, a squeeze coater, an immersion vessel, a reverse roll coater, a transfer roll coater, a gravure coater, a kiss coater, a casting coater, a sprayer, a slot orifice coater, and an extruder.

100.-104. (Currently Cancelled)

105. (Previously Added) A method for producing a fiber-compounded hydraulic reinforcing material as described in claim 89 wherein the organic binder is a water-soluble polymer binder.

106. (Previously Added) A method for producing a fiber-compounded hydraulic reinforcing material as claimed in claim 89, further comprising additionally applying at least one agent selected from the group consisting of water reducing agents, air entrainment reducing agents, fluidizers,

setting retarders and polymer dispersants for cement.

107. (Previously Added) A method for producing a fiber-compounded hydraulic reinforcing material as claimed in claim 89, wherein said product is in the form of independent strands and further comprising cutting the strands into pieces of a specific length to produce chopped strands.

108. (Previously Added) A method for producing a fiber-compounded hydraulic reinforcing material as claimed in claim 89 wherein said product is in the form of a strand or independent strands and further comprising forming bundles of said strand or strands, and then weaving or knitting the bundles into a fabric or net.

109. (Previously Added) A method for producing a fiber -compounded hydraulic reinforcing material as claimed in claim 89 further comprising pulling the reinforcing fiber in one direction to produce a unidirectional sheet.

110. (Previously Added) A method for producing a fiber-compounded hydraulic reinforcing material as claimed in claim 89 wherein said product is in the form of strands and further comprising twisting the strands into cords, and bundling and twisting the cords to produce a rope or braid.

111.-148. (Currently Cancelled)